REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-7, 11-21, 24-30, and 34-38 are pending. Claims 21 and 24-30 have been allowed and claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter.

More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 3, claim 6 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 10, and claim 17 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 40 and intervening claim 39. Applicants submit that these amendments are sufficient to place the application into condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejections in the Final Office Action and furtherance of the claims to allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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